Price of Ranitidine

277. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstarred Question No. 312 given in Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1994 and state:

(a) when was the price of bulk drug Ranitidine reduced;

(b) what was the leval at which this lapse occurred and why the responsibility has not been fixed;

(c) whether the producers of Zintac formulations made crores of [illegible] the bargain and avoided reduction by paying considera- [illegible] and

(d) what steps have been taken to investigate this matter which involved crores of rupees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) After the promulgation of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 the then major producer of Ranitidine was exempt from price control for a period of 5 years. On expiry of this period, conducted a cost-cum-technical study of the bulk drug and subsequently price of bulk drug Ranitidine was notified on 16.3.1994 and ceiling the Prices of the formulations based on this bulk drug were notified on 6.7.1994.

Price of Fortwin range of formulations

273. SHRI ANANTRAM :
SHRI H. HANUMA[illegible]A:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether [illegible] Fortwin range of formulations [illegible] fixed by the Ministry and if so; what are the fixed prices of these formulations; date of fixation and the bulk drug price on which they are based;

(b) why the price of these formulations was not reduced alongwith the reduction in custom duty and who is [illegible] for this lapse on account of which company is making crores of rupees;

(c) whether it is a fact that the company has also commenced local production of the bulk drug and also selling several formulations without price approval and if so; what are their names; and since when each is being marketed;

(d) whether it is a fact that the president of the company is engaged in overinvoicing of import of this drug. D-Alpha Phanyl Glycine and certain other intermediates; and

(e) what steps have been taken to enquire into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The prices of Fortwin range of formulations based on invoice price/DGHS weighted average import price of the bulk drug have been revised in accordance with the provisions of DPCO: 1987 and the details are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of formulation	Pack Size	M.R. price with E.D./ Date	Bulk drug price adopted (Rs.)
1.	Fortwin Injection	12×1 ml Amp.	61.26 / 28.8.91	46511.44 per kg. (Inv. price)
2	Fortwin Tabs.	10's Strip	26.84 / 22.6.93	52002.45 per kg. DGHS
3.	Foracet Tabs.	10's Strip	20.87 / 22.6.93	Import price.
4.	Fortwin Inj..	8×1 ml. Amp.	46.78 / 9.9.94	58421.24 per kg. DC import p

(c) Yes Sir. The manufacturer has reported that they commenced commercial production of the bulk drug Pentazocine in August, 1994. According to the records the company has not obtained price approval for the bulk drug manufactured by them and the formulations thereof.

They have submitted an application dated 29th November; 1994 for exemption of the bulk drug and its formulations from price control on grounds of indigenous R and D.

(d) and (e) No such instance has come to the notice.

Exemption granted to Naldixic Acid

279. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) when was exemption granted to Naldixic Acid from price control on the ground of Research and Development and when did this exemption expire;

(b) what steps were taken thereafter to fix the price of formulations and the bulk drug and is it a fact that Gramoneg and Gramogel range of formulations are being marketed without price approval from the very beginning;

(c) if so, when and what action has been taken;

(d) whether it is a fact that the producer of the bulk drug refused to give cost data to the BICP and that the Ministry consented and directed BICP to work out the price based on the available data; and

(e) when was the BICP recommendation received and what action has been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) (a) to (e) The exemption granted on 4-2-1991 expired on 31-10-92. On 13.6.1994 BICP recommended a price for the bulk drug on the basis of data available with them as the requisite data had not been received from the manufacturer (it was received subsequent to the submission of the Report by BICP). The price of the bulk drug has since been notified. BICP has accordingly been asked to recommend the price of formulations based on this bulk drug.

Delicensing of fertilizer industry

280. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fertilizer indusry has been delicensed;

(b) if not, by when it will be delicensed; and

(c) what investment from foreign countries has been made in respect of fertilizer production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the available information, the equity investment in the Indian fertilizer industry from the foreign countries is currently around Rupees sixty croers.

Drugs under price control

281. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 73 drugs have been put under the price